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| PALLET AND METHOD |) | |

REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated July 24, 2006. This Reply Brief is substantially the same as that filed by Appellants on August 1, 2003, in response to the Examiner's Answer dated June 10, 2003, which was returned undocketed to the Examiner.

With reference to Lawson, U.S. Patent No. 3,730,417 (Lawson '417), the Examiner states on page 5 of the Examiner's Answer, "In response to appellant's remarks that the spacers of Lawson are not adhered to either the inner container (46) or to a load inside the inner container (46) and therefore do not act as a 'base' for any load or product inside the inner container (46), note the following. The patent to Lawson at column 5, lines 9-33 state among other things, 'The inner container 46 has formed along their bottom thereof a plurality of flaps 54 and a

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